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PART II.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL AUDIT.

FINGER POINTS OF PENSIONERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Circular No. 2068—*Pen.* 401 *of* 13*th March* 1905.

To—The Deputy Commissioners, Treasury Department, of Districts, and Officer in charge of the State Huzur Treasury.

The Comptroller has the honor to request that the instructions contained in the following General Letter of the Accountant General, Madras, may be attended to from the commencement of April next by all Treasury Officers of Districts and Taluks when making payment of pensions of the Government of India.

The finger impressions of the pensioners should be obtained in a separate book form and kept in the Treasury of payment and a certificate endorsed on the pension bill to the effect that the thumb and finger impressions of the pensioner have been recorded in a separate book and compared with those on the Pension Payment Order, and that by such comparison the identity of the pensioner has been satisfied.

The certificate will be printed in the new form of pension bills intended specially for use in the beginning of April of each year, which will be supplied to the District Treasuries direct by the Officer in charge of the Hon'ble the Resident's Treasury.

From

N. G. BASU, *Comptroller.*

W. DOBBIE, ESQ.,

Accountant General, Madras.

To

All Treasury Officers and Officers in charge of Payment of Political Pensions.

Sir,

In continuation of this office circulars Nos. VI, XI and XXVII of 1898, I have the honor to inform you that the Government in its order No. 502, Pension Department, dated 22nd July 1904, has added the following rule to the rules for the record of finger prints of Government pensioners, and to request that it may be strictly observed when making payment of pensions at the beginning of each official year:—

"On the first appearance of a pensioner on or after the 1st April of each year the disbursing officer will take impressions of the thumb and all the fingers of the pensioner's left hand on his pension bill, and besides identifying the pensioner from the other particulars given in the disbursing officer's half of the pension payment order, he will identify him from a comparison of the impressions given on the bill with those on the pension payment order. In case of difference in the two sets of impressions the disbursing officer will refer the matter to the officer before whom the impressions on the pension payment order were made."

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. DOBBIE,
Accountant General.